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## The Daily Press.

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The Shanghai papers do not make a  
mistake in assuming that the alliance if  
effected would be of an anti-European  
character. On this point we find ourselves  
in full agreement with the Japan Mail.  
There is, as our contemporary says, nothing  
in Japan's modern history to justify an  
alliance having for its purpose a conservative  
and restrictive policy. "If she agreed to  
"lend her assistance to her neighbor it  
"would be solely with the object, first, of  
"leading the Chinese into the path of pro-  
gress, and, secondly, of developing their  
"strength of self-defence, which can not be  
"accomplished in any way except by in-  
"ducing them to adopt Western systems."  
Many students of the time—ourselves  
among the number—believe that the  
"practical guidance of Japan is the only  
guidance China is at all likely to follow,  
and since Japan has fully learned the  
"lesson, and has demonstrated her know-  
ledge of it, that protection by military  
"is the only safe policy for an Oriental  
"race, no doubt can be entertained for a  
"moment that any influence acquired by  
"her in China would be exercised in the  
"most civilized progress." If this

be, an alliance between China and Japan  
should be viewed with approval rather than  
suspicion by Great Britain and by all other  
powers who do not entertain designs of ter-  
ritorial aggrandizement at China's expense.

There was a case of plague yesterday and 1  
death.

At the Magistrate's yesterday a Chinaman  
was committed for trial for perjury in con-  
nection with the trial of the On Long murders.

We hear that upon the termination of the lease  
held by the Peak Club the Pavilions are to  
revert to their original use as a sanitarium for  
Government officials.

The case of *De la Cruz* and *Purser* again  
occupied the attention of the Acting Chief  
Justice (the Hon. W. Maugh Goodman) and a  
Special Judge at the Supreme Court yesterday  
and was again adjourned.

The caricature of the *Fiji* makes Italy and  
China the subject of his last cartoon. Italy  
appears in a suppliant posture, and using the  
language of the *Times* *de la Cruz* is a *de la Cruz*  
(*de la Cruz* is a name). China, in flowing  
cords, particularly old-fashioned, is holding  
up a concession for railway-making and min-  
ing, and the other Powers, grouped in the  
background, are laughing merrily at the  
spectacle.—*Japan Mail*.

Some doubt has been thrown on the state-  
ment published in these columns that *Bald-  
mer* is a resident of the Philippines. *Bald-  
mer* has arrived in Hongkong. We observe, how-  
ever, that the *Manila Times* publishes a tele-  
gram from *Manila* stating that *Baldmer* is  
not a resident of the Philippines, but a  
man who has been seen on the streets  
by men who know him perfectly well, and  
that the statement that he had gone back to  
the Philippines was only intended to put  
the Americans off the track.

The advantages of employing a watchman in  
the city are being discussed by the  
Hon. Mr. F. Cobbold, in his "Notes" for Sep-  
tember. "We have not had to wait long for a demon-  
stration of the value of a watchman. On Sat-  
urday night, the 15th of August, at 11 o'clock,  
a man was discovered by the watchman ap-  
parently trying to effect an entrance into the Cathed-  
ral. On being seen, he ran away, and the watch-  
man, besides the watchman, took up the  
chase, including three members of the police, he  
managed to capture."

The Rev. R. F. Cobbold, Chaplain of St.  
John's Cathedral, in his "Notes" for Sep-  
tember, says:—"The first step of the choir stalls  
is at last completed, and we hope we may soon  
be enabled to proceed with the second stage.  
The choir stalls (topical gifts) are in hand.  
The work has been excellently carried out by  
Chinese workmen from design prepared in  
Mr. Deuby's office, to whom also we are indebted  
for the oak of which the stalls are made. It  
is a pleasure to have the stalls made in  
this manner, having been purchased  
when Mr. F. Cobbold was broken up  
last year."

In an article in the *Strait Times* on "Three  
Pirates of Singapore—1819, 1850, 1890," the  
following passage referring to the middle  
period appears:—"So scarce were pirates that  
before this time a 'broke' man 'appearing'  
and going out on a boat from home and  
returning with a small amount of money, and  
all in honorable marriages within six months,  
he receiving a thousand dollars from such happy  
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ANTI-FOREIGN RIOT IN  
SZECHUEN.

SAFETY OF THE MISSIONARIES.  
[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE "DAILY PRESS,"  
Shanghai, 31st August.]

A riot occurred on the 23rd August at Shue-  
ching, Szechuen.

The missionaries escaped.

## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS,"  
LONDON, 29th August.]

THE TRANSVAAL TROUBLE.  
It is understood at Cape Town that a delin-  
quent of the garrison will proceed to Mafeking  
immediately and also a strong force from  
Maritzburg to Laing's Nek to await develop-  
ments.

## THREATENED FAMINE IN INDIA.

The crop prospects in the Bombay Presidency  
are deplorable and a famine is impending.

REPORTED REINSTATEMENT OF  
LI HUNG-CHANG.

A report is in circulation that Li Hung-  
chang has been reinstated as Viceroy of  
China.

"HOOKER" WEEK BEING IN-  
VESTIGATED.

COMMISSIONER NAMED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
ALREADY AT WORK.

A Board of Officers consisting of Lieutenant-  
Colonel Charles L. Foster, U. S. Volunteers,  
Engineer Officer, Captain Raymond Salzer,  
Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. Volunteers,  
Captain Benjamin C. Moore, 17th U. S. Infan-  
try, and 1st Lieutenant Dyer G. Worthington,  
20th U. S. Infantry, was called to meet on the  
afternoon of the 19th instant, at 3 o'clock or  
as soon thereafter, to investigate, to investi-  
gate and determine the facts and fix the responsi-  
bility connected with the grounding of the  
"State" tugboat, *Hooker*, on the 11th  
instant, near Corregidor Island, while en route  
from this port to Hongkong.

The Board will, as soon as practicable, report  
the names of the men and the names of the  
Department of the Army thus far performed to  
secure the release of the vessel, and the expense  
connected therewith, and whether, in the opinion  
of the Board, the vessel left the port in a  
condition to be safely navigated, or whether the  
vessel is ultimately saved or becomes a total  
loss.—*Manila Times*.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. P. R. Co. steamer *Empress of China*,  
Capt. H. J. Brown, arrived at Vancouver on the  
30th August at 9 a.m.

The M. S. steamer *City of Peking* with mails  
and passengers for this port yesterday at 8 a.m.

## HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Hong-  
kong Sanitary Board was held yesterday after-  
noon. The President (Dr. J. M. Atkinson) was  
present, and there were also present the  
Vice-President (the Hon. F. H. May), the  
Secretary (Dr. J. M. Atkinson), the Medical  
Officers (Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Dr. J. M. Atkinson,  
and Mr. C. W. Duggan (Secretary)).

INSPECTION OF THE HEALTH DISTRICTS.  
The report of the sub-committee, consisting  
of Messrs. Ormsby, May, and Ormsby, appointed  
to make quarterly inspection of the health  
districts, was submitted. On 15th August the  
Committee visited and inspected the following  
houses in Nos. 5 and 6 Health Districts:—Nos.  
6, 8, 11, and 21 Tung Shan Lane, Nos. 1, 2, 3,  
and 23 Wing On Street, Nos. 1, 13, and 15 Mi  
Lun Lane (each three floors); No. 3 Kau U  
Fong, consisting of one floor; Nos. 22, 25, 26,  
27, 28, 29, and 30 Circular Pathway, and 14  
and 15 Lower Lee Fong and Nos. 27, 28, and  
29 Circular Pathway. The report proceeds:

"These houses were said to have been built  
within this year, but in most cases it is impos-  
sible to say so. The walls are in a state of  
decay, and the houses are in a state of decay.  
We consider these houses from their construction  
fitted for human habitation, and decidedly unfit  
for the occupation of a large number of people.  
In many cases there was insufficient light and  
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and apparently no water supply. The houses  
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**CLOSING QUOTATIONS.**  
**THURSDAY, 31st August**  
**EXCHANGE.**

**LONDON.**--  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1/11 1/2  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 1/11 1/4  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 1/11 1/4  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 1/11 1/4  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 1/11 1/4  
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1/11 1/2  
**PARIS.**--  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/46  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 48 1/2  
GHEMANY--  
On demand ..... 1/99  
New York--  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 47 1/2  
Credits, 60 days' sight ..... 48 1/2  
**BOMBAY.**--  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 145 1/2  
Bank, on demand ..... 146  
**CALCUTTA.**--  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 145 1/2  
Bank, on demand ..... 146  
**SINGAPORE.**--  
Bank, at sight ..... 73  
Private, 30 days' sight ..... 73 1/2  
**YOKOHAMA.**--  
On demand ..... 4 1/2 % pm.  
3 months ..... 4 1/2 % pm.  
On demand ..... 2 % pm.  
**SINGAPORE.**--  
On demand ..... 1 1/2 % pm.  
YARDSLEY, Lee & Co's Buying Rate, 7/15  
100 LEAN, 100 fine one ton ..... 35 1/2

**JOINT STOCK SHARES.**

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Bankers--		\$368.75, buyan

China & Japan, pref.	E1	nominal
Do. ordinary...	E1	E1
Do. deferred	E1	E5, E6

Nat'l. Bank of China		
R. Shares.....	£3	\$25, buyers
Founders Shares	£3	\$25, buyers
W's Assets E. A....	£1	nominal
Campbell, Moore & Co	\$10	\$12, buyers
China Prov. L. & M..	\$10	\$10, sellers
China Sugar	\$10	\$151
tion Mills—		
Equ		
	Fls. 100	Fls. 674

Yong Kee	Fls. 100	Fls. 75
Yong Kung Mow	Fls. 100	Fls. 75
Yong Kee	Fls. 100	Fls. 310

Lungking .....	\$100	\$70, sales
Yip Farm Co. ....	\$90	\$5.25, buyers
Unwick & Co. Gen. ....	\$25	\$43, sales & colln
Shen Island Cement .....	\$10	\$31, sellers
China Railway .....	\$100	\$100, buyers
Giangkong & Co. Giangkong .....	\$10	\$17
Giangkong Electric .....	\$10	\$14, sales & buyers
H. L. Tranways .....	\$100	\$145
Giangkong Hotel .....	\$50	\$125, buyers
Giangkong Ice .....	\$25	\$30, buyers
W. & K. Wharf & G. ....	\$75	\$90
Giangkong T-ope. ....	\$10	\$18, sales
W. W. Lock .....	\$125	\$15, p. c. prem.
Stranace .....		\$208.75, sales
Quanton .....	\$30	\$150, buyers
China Fire .....	\$20	\$394
China Traders' .....	\$25	\$63, buyers
Hongkong Fire .....	\$50	\$312.41, buyers

Straitis .....	\$25	\$17, buyers
Unions .....	\$50	\$200, sales
Yamote .....	\$80	\$117, buyers

W. Land Ingressant.....	\$30	\$1084
Humpreys Estate.....	\$10	\$14, buyers
Kewdon Land & B.....	\$30	\$20, solie.s
West Point Building.....	\$30	\$26, solie.s
Arizona Sugar.....	\$100	\$543, solie.
Mining.....		
Charronnages.....	Fee. 250	\$240, buyers
Grant E. & Odonio.....	\$3	\$3.30, buyers
Do. Preference.....	\$1	\$1 cent, sellers
Jelesu.....	\$1	\$1 cent, sellers
Queen. Mines Ltd.....	\$5	\$6 cts. sal. & solie.
Oliviers Mines, A.....	\$5	\$8, solie.s
Do. B.....		\$43.00, sellers
Panjoio.....	\$6	\$0
Do. Preference.....	\$1	\$1

New Amoy Dock .....	\$17	\$161
Steamship Coy.—		
China and Manila...	\$50	\$201

China Match Works	210	100,000 buyers
Do. Mutual Order	210	100,000 buyers
Do. Do.	210	20,000 buyers
Douglas S. & Co.	\$10	\$10,000
H. Canton and M...	\$10	\$10,000
Indo-China S. N...	\$10	\$10,000
Star Ferry	\$10	\$10,000
United Planting Co.	\$10	\$10,000
Do. Do.	\$10	\$10,000
United Asiatic	\$10	\$10,000
Do. Founders	\$10	\$10,000
Franchi Wara & Co.	\$10	\$10,000
Yabon & Co., A. S...	\$10	\$10,000

J. Y. V. VERNON, Broker.

OPIMUM Allowance

Malwa New	740	to 750	pl. net to inst.
Malwa Old	820	to 830	

Do. P'per-w'pped	\$7.60	10	—	"	"	"
Patna New	\$8.00	10	—	per	chest	

Singapore New.....\$8.50  
 Singapore Old ..... \$8.00

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## THE WEATHER.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER. 30th AUGUST, AT 4 P.M.

STATION.	Larometer red. to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Barom. reduced to sea level.	Humidity.	Wind. Dir. Force.	Weather.
Yokohama	—	—	—	—	—
Yokoyama	—	—	—	—	—
Yokohama	30.03	—	—	0	—

Kagoshima .....	26.99	—	—	SE	0	—
Gutzlaff .....	29.97	77	78	ESE	2	07
.....	19.57	76	88	—	1	—

Swatow	90.85	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77	76	75	74	73	72	71	70	69	68	67	66	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-10	-11	-12	-13	-14	-15	-16	-17	-18	-19	-20	-21	-22	-23	-24	-25	-26	-27	-28	-29	-30	-31	-32	-33	-34	-35	-36	-37	-38	-39	-40	-41	-42	-43	-44	-45	-46	-47	-48	-49	-50	-51	-52	-53	-54	-55	-56	-57	-58	-59	-60	-61	-62	-63	-64	-65	-66	-67	-68	-69	-70	-71	-72	-73	-74	-75	-76	-77	-78	-79	-80	-81	-82	-83	-84	-85	-86	-87	-88	-89	-90	-91	-92	-93	-94	-95	-96	-97	-98	-99	-100
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Kagoshima .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff .....	29 31	79	87	88	4	CV
Sharp Peak .....	20.83	80	82	WSW	3	0

Canto					
Canlon					
Hengkong	29.85	85	75	NNE	3 0
Victoria Peak					
San Hoek	29.64				N 4 0
Miao	29.55	85		ENE	1 0
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Yinghong	29.88	84	77	W	1 c
Male				SW	1 b
Barcel					0 b
Diolo	26.80	82			0 b
Cebu	29.85	86		SW	2 0
Cebu James					2 0

On the list at 2.30. The barometer has risen to the 29.85 on the E. coast of China and in the Philippine Islands. The pressure is high over Japan, and relatively low across the Pacific. The forecast for the Philippine Islands is for the E. coast of the China Sea, and in the Pacific to the E. of Luzon. Forecast - Moderate.

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